HEARD SWING AND DOWIE.

S. Evanston, Ill., April 18, '94

Editor Evangelist: I came here three weeks ago. I am stopping with my daughter, Mrs. F. R. Blake. Mr. Blake is an attorney, and is associated in business with Allen and Payne, No. 79 Dearborn street. S. Evanston is just outside of the corporation of Chicago. Evanston, with its north and south additions contains a population of about 18,000. It is a city of residences. Nearly all the men and from appearances one concludes most of its women go to Chicago every day. It has wide streets, many groves and shade trees. It is located on the lake north of the city. There are no saloons in Evanston. By an act of the legislature, when the Methodist University was located here, no saloon is permitted within four miles of the college grounds. A vote was taken yesterday on the question of annexing Evanston to Chicago. There were 2,155 votes cast against annexation and 642 for annexation. The people seem to have no desire to be swallowed by Chicago.

Chicago is a wonderful city. There are wonders here that are strange and startling. On last Sunday forenoon I heard Prof. Swing at Central Music Mall. The hall, I am informed, seats 1,600 persons. Every seat was occupied seemingly by an attentive hearer. In the afternoon I attended a meeting at the same hall conducted by Dr Dowie. He has become noted through the wonderful healings that have been wrought under his administration. The time appointed for the meeting was 2:30 p. m. People began to gather at the hall before one o'clock. The doors were not opened till two. Before the appointed hour the hall was full. The meeting did not close till 6:15. The testimonies given by those who were healed were wonderful. What shall I say, what can I say about this latter day wonder?

Readers of the Evangelist have heard of Dr. Dowie. It was in the columns of the Evangelist that my attention was first called to this remarkable man. The lame walk, the deaf hear and the blind see. Canes, crutches, braces and peculiar foot wear were exhibited and identified by the owners as the crutches, shoes, etc. that they had been compelled to use, but now had no further use for, since they were healed.

Dr. Dowie does not believe in Christian Science or the so-called faith cure. He says the Christian science people say, "You pay and i'll pray. If you don't pay, I won't pray." He does not believe in the "faith cure," but believes that cures can only be wrought by the "prayers of faith."

S. M. Minnich.

THANKS TO BROTHER BEER.

South Haven, Kan., April 9, 1894.

The editor of the Evangelist will please be so kind as to allow me a small space in his paper, through which I extend my sincere thanks to Brother Beer for his noble advice to young converts, by which I will earnestly endeavor to profit, God being my helper. I hope and believe that there are many others who feel that they were benefitted by his kind advice. Words are inadequate to express our thanks and appreciations of his noble work in our midst. He was instrumental, not only in bringing sinners to Christ but the Christians declared themselves benefitted by his teachings. God grant that I may always be enabled to bid the tempter depart and be a bright light in the church, setting examples before my friends, who like myself recently united with God's people. Bro. Beer, who has been our pastor for the last year, preached his farewell sermon on the first Sunday of this month He was a stranger when he first came among us and preached for us once a month. We like him very much and feel that he has done a good work while in our midst. We are very sorry that he cannot preach for us another year. I earnestly desire the prayers of the christian people.

Nola Ellison.

SUNDRY ITEMS—HOLSINGER AT LATHROP.

Lathrop, Calif., April 7, 1894.

S. J. Harrison,

Dear Brother:—On account of sickness we were unable to send any report last month. The church work here is moving along nicely. As far as we know the members are all well.

The State Conference of the Brethren church closed at noon to-day. Everything passed off very pleasantly. Bro. H. Holsinger was here and was president of the conference The brethren and sisters here think he is just the man to help in all kinds of church work. We also were very glad to have Bro. and Sister Beer with us. Quite a delegation from Turlock attended the meeting, also.

Bro. J. B. Metzger and family have been stopping in Lathrop and are thinking of locating somewhere in the state of Cal. We are having very dry and windy weather. If we don't have rain soon the crops will be very short, if not an entire failure. We wish all eastern people could see the beautiful flowers in bloom now.

Bro. Holsinger expects to begin a protracted meeting at Turlock next Sunday. We hope he will be able to give us a meeting also sometime in the near future.

The brethren and sisters sympathize with you and Sister H. in the illness of your child. Yours for the work.

Mrs. Lizzie Wolfe.

ABOUT MANY PLACES—PROMISING FIELDS IN THE WEST.

Ottawa, Kan , April 11th, 1894.

Editor Evangelist :—January 13th was my time to go to Unionville, Iowa. The Brethren had written that they wanted the meeting to continue at that time. We preached for two weeks at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; there were two or three storms so severe that women and children could not attend. Two or three nights we could not have meeting, and that hurt the interest so that we had only one addition by baptism. All seemed to enjoy the meeting and we closed with a good attendance and a very good feeling. We came home and went to Neosho County, Kan., and preached five sermons, with one addition by baptism. Then back to Iowa to fill our monthly appointment; then home to perform a marriage ceremony; then on to Nickerson where we labored fifteen days. As we reported some time ago, I report this so that the number received may be numbered with others that are added.

I would like to know our numerical strength, as I am frequently asked "what is the number of your communicants?" There is great need of all of us trying to do more to build up in the West. There are a good many scattered members that should be looked after; and there could be two or three new organizations started in north eastern Kans., if there was money to keep some good earnest, willing worker at these different points. Next Sunday I go to Johnson Co. to do some baptizing, and may get to Rosedale where we have a few members whom I have never met, and who have no preaching. May God bless and save us.

H. S. Enslow.

IN A NEW FIELD.

April 13, 1894.

Dear Brother :—After the neces sary "fixing up," prior to settlement in our new home, we eagerly looked for the Evangelist to learn the news we had been missing. The retrospect is gratifying.

How delighted we all must feel when we note the general character of the present revival interest! Fields hitherto apparently unproductive are yielding precious fruit

The news from Altoona. through our dear Brother Wampler, is pleasing. I congratulate Dr. Spanogle and the brethren of this new organization on their respective pastorial and ecclesiastical relationship. The first Brethren church of Altoona grew out of a singular incident. Sister Hannah Furry providentially meeting the writer during last summer, invited him to Altoona to hold a service on the following Friday. The invitation was accepted, and the said Friday evening found us in the parlor of Bro. Geo. Brown, the only place we could secure, ready for work. It was plainly evident that preaching that evening was not most needed by our congregation, so we went into business at once, and the result was the establishing of the first Brethren church of Altoona. Subsequently the church was supplied with preaching by Brethren Replogle, Crawford and Gochnour of Johnstown. The writer, though permanently engaged as pastor at Conemaugh, filling the gap when no other minister was available. So we labored away. And now why should we not feel good when we read that these brethren have succeeded so far as to obtain the services of so faithful a pastor and able minister of Christ as Brother W. L. Spanogle.

Our departure from Conemaugh was to us a sad circumstance. Not that we regret the change because duty made its demand upon us; but the people there had become very near and dear to us. In the midst of life's great work I dare not look back lest I shame my manhood and cry like a babe. "Forgetting the things that are behind I press forward." And when my human nature obliges me to know these nights of change, the inspired answer to my experience is, "the morning cometh,"

'And in that morn those angel faces all shall smile,
That I have loved long since and lost awhile."

The Hagerstown work is moving with unabated interest. This church was organized by the writer during September, and now I have the honor to be her first pastor. We moved to this City on the 27th of March, and a really royal welcome was given us. I would love to tell all the dear people of Hagerstown have already done for us, but it would make too long a letter. Suffice it to say, they took charge of us, and spared no effort to see that we were made perfectly at home. The new church will be dedicated, probably, May 6th, when our city work will commence. The outlook is promising— he field is ripe—the laborer is ready—O, God give the increase!

J. C. Mackey.

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NOTICE.

Notice to those who contemplate attending the Ministerial Association of the State of Indiana, to be held at Loree, May 22, to 25, 1894.

Loree is located on the Panhandle R. R three miles east of Bunker Hill. Those coming from the north or south on the S. E. and W. will change cars at Bunker Hill and take a train to Loree about 6:30 P. M. or 8: 20 A. M. Those coming on the Big Four (C, W. and M.) will change at Marion and take a train to Loree due about 8:20 A. M. and 3:45 P. M. Those coming are requested to drop me a card not later than the 19th, so arrangements can be made to entertain you. Those coming by private conveyance will also notify me and come to my house. I live five and one half miles south of Peru, two miles north of Loree, on the Strow town Pike. We expect a general turn out and especially we expect every minister in Indiana. Address me at Peru, Ind.

John M. Fox.